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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border
Photographic Reconnaissance, 8 - 14 August 1967

1. The attached report on the subject by the Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), is circulated for the information of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

2. It is not contemplated that the attached report will be placed on the USIB agenda unless a USIB Principal so requests prior to the close of business on 18 August 1967. In the absence of such a request it will be considered for record purposes that USIB "noted" the subject report on that date.

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Report to the United States Intelligence Board
by
Chairman, COMIREX
on
South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border
Photographic Reconnaissance
8-14 August 1967

1. The following is a report on photographic coverage of:
 - a. Priority "Base Line" targets in South China and North Vietnam, as defined by the Board on 3 March 1966^a (paras 2-6);
 - b. North Vietnam to detect the introduction of offensive missile systems^b (paras 7 and 8);
 - c. Targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border^c (no coverage);
 - d. Targets in the Sino-Indian Border area^d (no coverage).

South China/North Vietnam - "Base Line"

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2. Changes to Priority Targets: No changes were made to the priority list during this period. The total remains targets.

^a USIB-D-41.14/283 (COMOR-D-25/207), 4 March 1966

^b Memo to Holders of USIB-D-41.14/308, (COMOR-D-25/220), 23 May 1967

^c USIB-D-41.14/260 (COMOR-D-25/184), 13 September 1965

^d USIB-D-41.14/276 (COMOR-D-25/201), 19 January 1966

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3. Missions during the Period:

BUMBLE BUG Missions were flown on 8, 10 and 14 August. The mission on 8 August covered targets in the Haiphong area and the missions on 10 and 14 August were programmed against priority targets in the Ping Hsiang area of South China and the northeastern part of North Vietnam.

4. Base Line/Surveillance Coverage: The BUMBLE BUG mission flown on 8 August, acquired surveillance coverage of the Haiphong/Cat Bi Airfield. A BUMBLE BUG mission and several [redacted] missions, flown in previous reporting periods, provided surveillance coverage of 11 additional targets in North Vietnam.

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5. Tab A: Lists all priority targets and shows the status of Base Line/Surveillance coverage as follows:

Column 2 - Underlining indicates base line or surveillance coverage added since the last report.

Column 4 - Base Line coverage since 1 March 1966 shown by date.

Column 5 - The number of times surveillance coverage has been added to the base line photography.

Column 6 - Date of the most recent base line/surveillance quality coverage.

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6. The Map at Tab B: Shows the distribution of [redacted] targets illustrating the primary areas for lines of communication by shading. The [redacted] targets listed in Tab A which have been covered by base line quality photography since 1 March 1966 are shown by a black dot, the remainder of [redacted] by a black circle. Arrows indicate base line/surveillance coverage added during the reporting period.

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North Vietnam - "Offensive Missiles"

7. There has been no report of photographic detection of the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam.

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8. The Map at Tab C: Shows the [redacted] of North Vietnam (80% or better cloud-free) that has been reported in the three week period ending 14 August. This has been reported in accordance with the photo reconnaissance area grid system. In addition to area coverage, the map shows the nine targets that could most likely reveal the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam.

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V Chairman
Committee on Imagery Requirements
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